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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY, APRIL 8

1. NYT (PAGE 1). NEW DECLASSIFIED CIA STUDY REPORTS SOVIET UNION BALANCE OF TRADE WITH THE WEST SWUNG INTO SURPLUS LAST YEAR, AFTER YEARS OF DEFICITS BECAUSE OF HIGHER PRICES FOR OIL, GOLD, AND OTHER SOVIET EXPORTS. WESTERN MEDIUM AND LONG-TERM CREDITS WILL BE LESS OF A FACTOR IN GROWTH OF SOVIET IMPORTS IN NEXT FEW YEARS.

2. NYT (PAGE 9). ACCORDING TO LOS ANGELES TIMES, CIA OBTAINED FROM WRECKAGE OF SOVIET SUB DIARY OF SOVIET NAVAL OFFICER, GIVING INFORMATION ON NUCLEAR TRAINING. IN SEPARATE ARTICLE, L.A. TIMES ALSO GIVES AN ACCOUNT OF RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING OF PERSONNEL FOR CIA SUB SALVAGE OPERATION WHICH HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED AS A DEEP SEA MINING OPERATION. (WP - PAGE 2 - HAD SIMILAR STORY ON CIA RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING.)

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3. WP (PAGE 14). SHORT UPI ITEM REPORTING THAT DEFENSE SPOKESMAN CITED SCHLESINGER INTERVIEW IN 'NEWSWEEK' THREE WEEKS AGO IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON SOVIET FACILITIES IN BERBERA, SOMALIA.

4. SUN (PAGE 1). HEADLINE "SOVIET FEARS U.S. BACKLASH ON DETENTE " BY MICHAEL PARKS. U.S. CALLS FOR REASSESSMENT OF FOREIGN POLICY, CAUSING CONCERN IN MOSCOW THAT IT MAY LEAD TO A REDUCED AMERICAN COMMITMENT TO EAST-WEST DETENTE.

5. WP (PAGE 1). HEADLINE "SOYUZ MISHAP MAY PERIL JOINT PROJECT." DESCRIBED LANDING OF ABORTED SOYUZ FLIGHT NEAR CHINA. SOVIETS HAVE NOT TOLD U.S. WHAT WAS WRONG. SENIOR U.S. SPACE OFFICIAL QUOTED AS SAYING IF FLIGHT HAD BEEN OURS, THERE WOULD BE SERIOUS QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED BEFORE ANYBODY COMMITS TO A JULY 15 LAUNCH DATE. KISSINGER

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